

## SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

Mr. G. C. Beazley, of the staff of Mount Allison Academy, Sackville, N. B., has resigned his position to join the Dalhousie Medical Corps for overseas service. The teachers and students of the academy gave a farewell dinner to Mr. Beazley on November 12th.

Mr. Bruce Berry, Principal of the Hartland, N. B., schools, has enlisted in the 115th New Brunswick Battalion.

The full amount required to purchase a regulation ambulance has been subscribed by the school children of Nova Scotia, and forwarded to the war office as their gift to the Empire. Nearly five hundred schools sent contributions and the total amount collected was \$2,238.37.

Mr. George G. Perry, Principal of schools at Petitcodiac, N. B., has enlisted for overseas service in the 104th Battalion. Miss Perry will take her brother's duties for the remainder of the term.

At a concert held recently in Gibbon District, King's Co., N. B., by the pupils of the school under the direction of their teacher, Miss Agnes E. Reynolds, a considerable sum of money was realized. The fund was used to purchase a Union Jack, a set of minerals, a table desk and a dictionary for the school. The Trustees are providing a flag-pole.

At the fair at St. Stephen, N. B., the children of Miss Emma Veazey's school earned nine dollars in prizes by their maps, paper cutting and other work, and with the money have added a number of books to the school library.

Principal W. A. Creelman of Sydney, N. S., Academy, reports a record attendance since the occupation of the new academy building, and also the best results on record in the quarterly examinations.

At the meeting of the Board of Education for New Brunswick on November 3rd, a committee consisting of his Lordship Bishop Richardson, Very Rev. Dean Neales, and Rev. F. S. Porter, presented a memorial asking for the introduction of Bible teaching in the public schools. No action was taken, but Lieutenant Governor Wood assured the committee that this matter would have careful consideration.

## EMPIRE DAY ESSAY COMPETITION 1915.

## Junior Competition.

The Lord Meath Empire Day Challenge Cup and League of the Empire personal prize of £3.3.0 inter all schools of the Empire has been won by John E. Thomas, State School No. 376, Happy Valley, via Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. The following have received honorable mention: *Joan Foster, Witanstede Private School, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada*; *Annie B. M. Baxter, Convent High School, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.*

The judges were Prof. E. A. Gardner, M. A., University of London, and Sir Philip Hutchins, K. C. S. I.

The subject set for Junior Essays was, "What has been done and what can be done by your country, town or district to help in the present war?" Joan Foster wrote on "What Canada has done in the war." It is no slight distinction to win honorable mention in a competition open to the schools of the Empire, and we congratulate Miss Lawson, Principal of Witanstede School, and her pupil, on this success.

## THE TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE.

"The turning point in my life," said the head of a department in one of the world's largest corporations, "was when I was in the grammar school and Miss McDonald insisted on my doing just what was requested, exactly as requested. I learned from her to obey orders. That is better than anything else I learned in all my school days."

A world-wide business is profoundly influenced today by the act of a teacher nearly a quarter of a century ago. She little knew what a great man she was making. But she did know she was trying to do her duty in training boys and girls to obey.—*Selected.*

Don't wait for mud, nor for the board, before you have a door-scraper. The large boys will gladly help you. Stretch old iron hoops between two stakes and there you are. Not very ornamental, perhaps, but much mud is kept out of the school-room.

## RECENT BOOKS.

*Canadian Commercial Correspondence and Business Training*, by H. J. Russell, is written by a Canadian for use in Canada, and is based on the business customs practised in this country. In this respect, we believe it to be the first in the field and we will indicate the ground covered. First comes a thorough drill on writing business letters, including instruction as to form, language, commercial terms and abbreviations and punctuation. This is followed by a chapter of advice on the use and tone of collection letters. Post cards, telegrams, circular letters, letters of application, inquiry and introduction are all dealt with. Instruction is given for proof reading, and modern business methods of ordering, remitting, copying, indexing and filing are explained. Advertising has a chapter to itself. Much valuable information is given about commercial law, banking, insurance, finance and postal regulations. The chapters are short, and each is followed by an excellent set of questions and exercises. Besides these, we find at the end of the book ten pages of general questions and exercises from the examination papers of the Canadian Civil Service Commission, the London Chamber of Commerce, and other institutions, commercial and educational. The book is clearly and forcibly written and well indexed. As a text book in commercial schools, and a handbook in business houses, it can be cordially recommended. [294 pages. The MacMillan Company of Canada. Price, 75 cents.]

*An Anthology of English Prose*, compiled by S. E. Goggin and A. R. Weekes, gives short extracts from English prose writers, from Mandeville to Kipling. It is prefaced by a sketch of the history of English prose, and to each extract is prefixed an outline of critical biography of the author.